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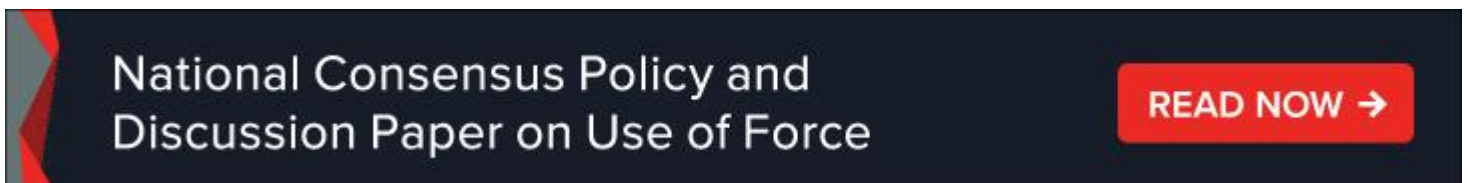
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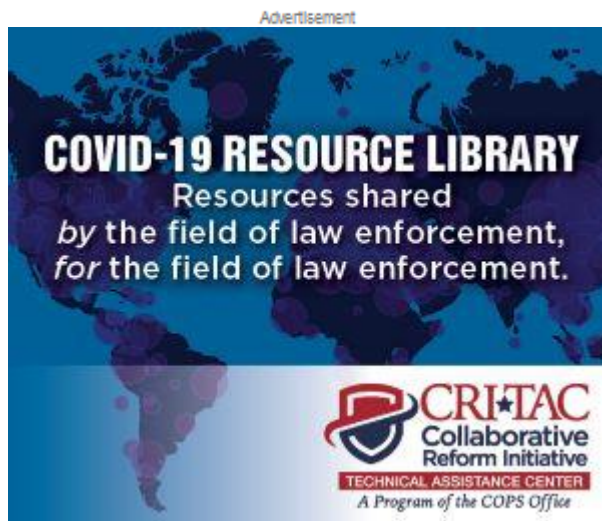


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POLICING & POLICY



US Supreme Court Will Not Revisit Challenge To Qualified Immunity For Police



[ABC News](#)   (6/22, Dwyer) reports, "The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday officially took a pass on revisiting its 50-year-old doctrine of 'qualified immunity' for law enforcement officers, despite intense national outcry over police misconduct and legal protections that shield cops from liability. 'The Supreme Court has made clear that they are not prepared to reconsider qualified immunity at this moment,' said Joanna Schwartz, an expert on the doctrine at UCLA School of Law." ABC News adds, "While the Civil Rights Act of 1871 gives Americans the unambiguous ability to sue public officials over civil rights violations, the Supreme Court subsequently limited liability to only those rights that have become 'clearly established law.'"



[Newsday \(NY\)](#)   (6/22, Brune) reports that qualified immunity

"shields police from being sued for money damages in federal court for constitutional violations such as excessive force unless the officers broke any 'clearly established' law – a high bar for plaintiffs to overcome." Newsday adds that police groups argue that ending qualified immunity "would have a chilling effect on police work, make them hesitant to act when they should be decisive in dicey situations, or lead to retirements and a smaller pool of applicants for police jobs. 'Qualified immunity is a



foundational protection for the policing profession and any modification to this legal standard will have a devastating impact on the police's ability to fulfill its public safety mission,' the International Association of Chiefs of Police said in a statement."

Senate Democrats Threaten To Block GOP Police Reform Bill



[Politico](#)   (6/22, Everett, Levine) reports Senate Democrats are "strongly signaling they will filibuster Republicans' police reform bill later this week absent more concessions" from Senate Majority Leader McConnell, who "set the Senate on a path to consider the legislation on Wednesday." Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) said, "If nothing changes, I'm voting no. I need some assurances that we're going to vote on amendments that will fix this bill. And it needs a lot of fixing." Senate Minority Leader Schumer called the GOP bill "deeply and fundamentally flawed."

Reuters Analysis: Neither Senate Nor House Police Reform Bill Likely To Become Law. [Reuters](#)   (6/22, Morgan) reports that the Senate and the House "will vote this week on separate bills aimed at addressing police misconduct...but neither measure is likely to become law." The Senate "is expected to hold a procedural vote on a Republican bill by Wednesday, while the House is due to vote on more sweeping Democratic legislation on Thursday." However, Reuters says, "neither measure, as written, appears to have enough bipartisan support to win approval from both chambers and be signed into law."



Studies Find Recreational Marijuana Laws May Boost Traffic Deaths

The [AP](#)   (6/22, Tanner) reports, "Laws legalizing recreational marijuana may lead to more traffic deaths, two new studies suggest, although questions remain about how they might influence driving habits." According to the AP, "Previous research has had mixed results and the new studies, published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine, can't prove that the traffic death increases they found were caused by marijuana use." The AP adds, "One study found an excess 75 traffic deaths per year after retail sales began in Colorado in January 2014, compared with states without similar laws," but "it found no similar change in Washington state." The other study "looked at those states plus two others that allow recreational pot sales, Oregon and Alaska. If every state legalized recreational marijuana sales, an extra 6,800 people would die each year in traffic accidents, the researchers calculated."



Pandemic Has Increased New York City Criminal Court Backlog To More Than 39K Cases

The [New York Times](#)   (6/22, A1, Feuer, Hong, Weiser, Ransom) has a 2,400-word report on what it calls New York City's "legal limbo," where "the backlog of pending cases in the city's criminal courts has risen by nearly a third" to 39,200 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Times says "hundreds of jury trials in the city have been put on hold indefinitely," and "arraignments, pleas and evidentiary hearings are being held by video, with little public scrutiny."

Massachusetts Governor Seeks Training Bonuses For Police Officers

[Boston](#)   (6/22, Gavin) reports, "Police officers in Massachusetts could receive one-time bonuses of up to \$5,000 should they take on additional training under a bill filed last week by Gov. Charlie Baker centered on creating a police certification system." According to Boston, "The vision is to incentivize officers to go beyond the necessary minimum training laid out in the sweeping proposal, which comes amid the nationwide movement to reduce funding for law enforcement, and instead funnel resources into other initiatives such as anti-violence and public health programs." The bill, "which seeks to establish a system to uniformly certify, and de-certify, police officers," would "provide financial opportunity to officers to advance their training in key areas, including first aid, de-escalation tactics, and narcotics training."

San Diego, California Ballot Measure Would Reform Police Oversight, Accountability

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)   (6/22, Garrick) reports San Diego may "take a key step Tuesday toward more rigorous police oversight, transparency and accountability." The San Diego City Council "is scheduled to evaluate a proposed November ballot measure that would create a police review board with the power to launch independent misconduct investigations and subpoena witnesses. While the proposal has been in the works for several years, it gained momentum in the wake of recent

local and national police protests that have sparked calls for fundamental law enforcement reforms.” The city “completed negotiations May 21 with the labor union representing police officers on the proposed ballot measure, which would let officers appeal declarations by the commission that they are guilty of misconduct.”

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Join the IACP on [June 24, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. EST for Part 2](#) and [July 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. EST for Part 3](#) of *Mindfulness Strategies for Law Enforcement* webinar series. This webinar is part of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance’s National Officer Safety Initiatives Program and will be hosted by Mindful Junkie Founder, Gina White. Police officers across every rank, dispatchers, victim services personnel, crime scene personnel, other law enforcement personnel and family members are encouraged to attend these 30-minute interactive mindfulness sessions.

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CRIME & DRUGS



Swedish Rape Conviction Rates Rise 75% After Change In Law

[Reuters](#)   (6/22, Batha) reports, “Rape conviction rates in Sweden have risen 75% in two years following a major change in the law, spurring calls on Monday for other countries to revamp their legislation.” Reuters adds, “Sweden changed the legal definition of rape in 2018 to sex without consent. Unlike in many countries, prosecutors do not have to prove the use or threat of violence or coercion. The National Council on Crime Prevention (Bra) said the rise in convictions – up from 190 in 2017 to 333 in 2019 – showed the change had had a greater impact than expected.” According to Reuters, “Britain, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland and Luxembourg already define rape as sex without consent, while Denmark, Finland, Spain and Portugal have promised similar reforms.”

New York City Raid Leads To Drug Seizures, Two Arrests

The [New York Post](#)   (6/22, Rosenberg) reports a recent raid of a suspected pill mill in New York City led to the seizure of “approximately 1.2 kilograms of heroin, 34 grams of fentanyl and 2.3 kilograms of methamphetamine.” Arrested in connection with the raid were Jeison Lebron and Alfredo Goris, who face “charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminally using drug paraphernalia.” The arrests were the result of joint operation conducted by “the city’s Special Narcotics Prosecutor,” the City of New York Police Department, and the DEA.



UK Drinkers Barricade Themselves In Pub During Illegal Lockdown Lock-In

The [Independent \(UK\)](#)   (6/22, Gregory) reports, “Drinkers at an illegal lockdown-defying lock-in have barricaded themselves in a pub after police officers arrived to break up the session, according to police.” According to the Independent, “Merseyside Police officers were pelted with beer and other items as revellers took up their fortified position at the Britannia Hotel pub in Liverpool, the force said. There were reportedly more than 100 people gathered at the Vauxhall pub at around midnight on Sunday, playing loud music and disturbing residents nearby, although only ‘a number of people’ were said to take part in the blockade.” The Independent adds, “Seven men and one woman, aged between 21 and 33, were arrested for violent

disorder and drugs offences. Pubs have been closed by law for the last three months to fight the spread of coronavirus, with Boris Johnson expected to allow them to re-open on 4 July, albeit with a range of new measures in place to protect customers."



TECHNOLOGY



"Blueleaks" Hackers Release "Hundreds Of Thousands" Of Private Records On Officers

[The Blaze](#)   (6/22, Taylor) reports hackers have "leaked highly sensitive police files from over 200 police departments across the country." Activist group DDoSecrets "published what the outlet calls 'hundreds of gigabytes' worth of potentially sensitive files' from police departments across the US." The group has "called the information dump 'BlueLeaks.'" The group "compiled the records, disseminating them into a searchable database that can pull up private information from a police badge number." Many of the files include "information such as memos, emails, and officers' personal information". The group "shared information on Twitter regarding the data dump."

GLOBAL SECURITY

NYTimes Analysis: Antifa Rumors Show Ways Information Spreads Locally

The [New York Times](#)   (6/22, Alba, Decker) examines how in recent weeks, "residents in at least 41 U.S. cities and towns became alarmed by rumors that the loose collective of anti-fascist activists known as antifa was headed to their area, according to an analysis by The New York Times. In many cases, they contacted their local law enforcement for help. In each case, it was for a threat that never appeared." On the local level, the analysis found that "the source of the false information has usually been more subtle, and shows the complexity of stunting misinformation online. The bad information often first appears in a Twitter or Facebook post, or a YouTube video there. It is then shared on online spaces like local Facebook groups, the neighborhood social networking app Nextdoor and community texting networks," which "can fall under the radar of the tech companies and online fact checkers."

Black Lives Matter Protests Spread To White, Rural Areas. The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (6/22, Carlton, Subscription Publication) reports that the protests for racial justice have quickly spread from big cities to small, rural towns that are predominantly white.

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